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Boat Tours at Millerton Lake Celebrate the Annual Return and De-listing of the Bald Eagle

FRIANT - California State Parks invites the public to celebrate the annual return of wintering Bald Eagles to Millerton Lake State Recreation Area. Join Ranger and Interpretive Staff as we ply the waters of Millerton Lake in search of our National Symbol - the majestic Bald Eagle. View eagles close-up while learning about their dramatic recovery and subsequent de-listing as an endangered species. Other wildlife such as Golden Eagles, deer and numerous waterfowl species are also frequently observed by tour participants.

Weekend tours aboard our pontoon interpretive vessel, To'-qhill, will begin Saturday, December 1, 2007. Please see details below:

Millerton Lake Weekend Tour Details

When: 8 a.m. – first three weekends of December 2007. Thereafter, 8 a.m. - each weekend in January and February 2008.

Where: Historic Millerton Courthouse

Cost: \$15/person - Price includes admission to the park.

Reservations: For weekend or weekday tour reservations call (559) 822-2332.

In addition to weekend excursions, Millerton Lake will again offer special weekday group, e.g., schools, senior citizens, scouts and fraternal organizations, tours (Mondays and Fridays only) during the months of January and February. Groups wishing a special weekday tour must reserve the entire vessel at the group rate of \$ 375. To'-qhill has a maximum capacity of 25 persons.

Children are welcome on weekend and weekday tours. Children six years and under, however, must wear their own Coast Guard approved lifejacket. Lifejackets are provided to all vessel passengers above the age of six. Although To'-qhill is a covered pontoon boat with railings, its open front and open windows allow wind and rain to enter the vessel. Tour participants are advised to dress for winter weather conditions on a lake, aboard a moving vessel. Hats, gloves and layered clothing are advised. For optimal wildlife viewing participants should also bring binoculars.

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